



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 20, 2015, - 5:30 p.m.
Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland
Austin, Texas**

URBAN FORESTRY BOARD MEMBERS:	APPOINTMENT	:
Christopher Kite, Chair	Council Member Laura Morrison, Place 4	
Peggy Maceo (Vice-Chair)	Council Member Kathie Tovo, Place 3	
Len Newsom	Council Member Bill Spelman, Place 5	
Patrick Brewer	Mayor Lee Leffingwell	
Nicholas Classen	Mayor Pro-Tem Sheryl Cole, Place 6	
Ryan Fleming	Council Member Mike Martinez, Place 2	
Keith Brown	Council Member Chris Riley, Place 1	

URBAN FORESTRY EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS	:
Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Development Services Department	
Pat Fuller, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department – Director Designee	
Vacant, Urban Forester, Development Services Department	
John Clement, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department – Director Designee	

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Board meeting of April 15, 2015.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The first 4 (four) speakers signed up prior to the calling of the meeting to order are allowed a three-minute allotment each to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

E. URBAN FORESTER EXECUTIVE LIAISON REPORT – Emily King, Interim Urban Forester, Development Services Department, including:

- Austin Urban Forest Plan Implementation Monthly Update

F. ACTION ITEM BRIEFINGS

1. Urban Forestry Board 2014 Annual Internal Review. Presenter: Chris Kite, Urban Forestry Board Chair.
2. Draft Cemetery Master Plan - Presenter: Kim McKnight, Project Coordinator, Park Planning and Design Unit, Parks and Recreation Department (PARC).
3. Briefing on possible recommendations for transition of Urban Forestry Board functions to the Environmental Commission. Presenter: Board Chair Chris Kite.
4. Briefing on PARC 2016 Fiscal Year Financial Forecast. Presenter: Angela Means, PARC Financial Services Division Manager.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation regarding the Urban Forestry Board 2014 Annual Internal Review. Presenter: Chris Kite, Urban Forestry Board Chair.
2. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to the City Council on the Draft Cemetery Master Plan. Presenter: Urban Forestry Board Member Nicholas Classen.
3. Discussion and possible action on recommendations for transition of Urban Forestry Board functions to the Environmental Commission. Presenter: Board Chair Chris Kite.
4. Discussion and possible action on PARC 2016 Fiscal Year Financial Forecast. Presenter: Angela Means, PARC Financial Services Division Manager.

H. BRIEFINGS – 10 Minute Limit For Each Briefing

1. Austin Energy Line Clearance Monthly Update – April 2015. Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy.
2. City Arborist Program Tree Preservation and Replenishment Monthly Update April 2015. Presenter: Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Development Services Department.
3. City Arborist Program Heritage Tree Report – April 2015. Presenter: Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Development Services Department.
4. Update from Treaty Oak Task Force Working Group. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, UFB Board Member.
5. Public Works Department Urban Forestry Program Monthly Update. Presenter: Rob Grotty, Urban Forestry Program Manager, Public Works.

6. Parks and Recreation Department Urban Forestry Program Monthly Update. Lara Schuman, Urban Forestry Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department.
 - A. Removal of Protected Size Trees on Parkland.
 - B. Update on Cyclo-Cross Race Remediation Work at Zilker Park.

I. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

J. ADJOURNMENT

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